

**MAYOR EDSON'S NOMINEES.**

**CONFIRMED AT ONCE BY THE ALDERMEN.**  
UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO DELAY ACTION IN THE MATTER.

When President Reilly called the Board of Aldermen to order yesterday the chamber was filled to overflowing. The members could barely force their way to their seats. The private stairway leading to the chamber was thronged, and the lobbies and doorways were packed by an expectant crowd, among those in the chamber were ex-President Sauer, Justice Patterson, John B. Haskin, Edward Kearney, Robert G. McCord, Bernard Biglin, ex-Aldermen McLean, Seery and Southworth, and Water Surveyor O'Reilly. It was some time before order could be established. Some unimportant resolutions were passed, and then President Reilly announced a communication from the Mayor. Instantly a hush pervaded the room, and the clerks proceeded to read the document. It merely withdrew the nominations of Randolph B. Martineau for Police Commissioner, Charles F. MacLean for Park Commissioner, and Butler H. Bixby and George G. McDermott for Police Justices which were made to the last Board by Mayor Grace and which had been laid upon the table. It was expected that the nominations to fill the vacancies would follow, but instead Mr. Reilly handed the clerks a number of compromissary resolutions, and the Board proceeded to act upon those. While thus engaged, S. H. Grant, the Mayor's secretary, again entered and handed the president several documents. Mr. Reilly announced: "Another communication from the Mayor." Clerk Twomey read the paper, which proved to be the re-nomination of Sidney P. Nichols as Police Commissioner. No sooner was the name read than there went up a shout of approval from the Tammany men in the chamber. Mr. Smith (Tammany) promptly moved that the nomination be confirmed. This was seconded by Mr. Fitzpatrick (Tammany). Mr. O'Neill (County Democracy) moved as an amendment that the nomination be laid upon the table, at which there was a look of consternation on the faces of the Tammany men.

"Are the County Democracy and Republicans going to kick?" was the rather significant query put by a Tammany leader to an Alderman belonging to that organization.

"I can't tell. We will soon see," was the reply.

Mr. Reilly directed the clerk to call the roll on Mr. O'Neill's amendment. This was felt to be the test vote and was watched with great interest. The only members who voted for it were Aldermen Edward Duffy (County Democracy), Jackie (County Democracy), O'Conor (Republican), O'Neill (County Democracy), and Wells (Republican). The vote stood 5 in favor to 10 against. The motion to confirm was then put, Messrs. Cochrane, Waite and O'Conor (all Republicans) were the only ones who voted against confirmation. A hearty cheer was given when the president announced that Mr. Nichols was confirmed by a vote of 21 to 3.

The next nomination read was that of Patrick G. Duffy, for Police Justice, in the place of Butler H. Bixby. This was also greeted with applause. Many had believed that Mr. Bixby would be re-nominated, and the Mayor had not finally made up his mind half an hour before the Board met. Mr. Foley moved that the nomination of Mr. Duffy be confirmed, and this was seconded by Michael Duffy. Mr. O'Neill, nothing daunted by his defeat in the case of Commissioner Nichols, moved that the nomination of Mr. Duffy be laid over. This was seconded by Mr. Wells (Republican), but the amendment was lost by a vote of 7 to 17. The motion to confirm was then carried by a vote of 17 to 6, Mr. O'Conor being excused from voting.

The nomination next read was that of James T. Kilbreth, one of the Police Justices, whose term expires in November next, in the place of Marcus Oerterbourg. It was confirmed by a vote of 22 to 2.

Then followed the nomination of John D. Crimmins, for Park Commissioner, in the place of Charles F. MacLean, which was carried by a vote of 9 to 5. Mr. O'Conor moved to be excused from voting on the ground that he was unable to vote until he could ascertain as he did not know the nominee. The president said that the Democratic members had full faith in the discrimination of the Mayor. Mr. O'Conor was not excused from voting, and the motion was voted down.

The last nomination was that of Gershon N. Herrman, for Police Justice, to fill the unexpired term of Justice Kilbreth, and Mr. Waite moved to lay the nomination on the table. Mr. O'Conor hoped his motion would not be granted. The president said that he had full confidence in the Mayor, and Mr. O'Neill hoped that the nomination would be confirmed. Mr. Waite's motion was lost by a vote of 4 to 20. The nomination was then confirmed by a vote of 21 to 3.

The nomination of Justice Kilbreth for one of the lower courts has an inside history. As has been stated in *The Tribune*, the Mayor promised that one of the nominees for Police Justice should be a German, and this really meant Gershon N. Herrman. Hubert O. Thompson, William P. Mitchell and Maurice J. Power, representing the County Democracy, had worked very hard to secure the nomination of ex-Coroner Richard Croker for Police Justice, but when the Mayor was inexorable. He was willing to nominate either Bixby or Duffy. It was thought up to the time the nomination was settled that the Mayor inclined toward Bixby, but in his desire to have a German appointed to the Mayor to nominate Croker, as the recognized candidate of Tammany Hall. The Mayor positively refused. Then the leaders settled upon Duffy and the Mayor agreed to send in his name.

After the adjournment of the Board, the members and their friends gathered at the home of the invitation by Police Commissioner Nichols.

**SKELETONS OF THE NEW OFFICIALS.**

Sidney P. Nichols has been for several years and is still one of the principal owners of the Broadway and Twenty-third Street Line of stages. He was nominated by Mayor Wickham as Police Commissioner and confirmed by the Aldermen on May 4, 1876. In 1879 he was removed by Mayor Cooper with Commissioners Smith and Wheeler on charges of neglect of duty, more especially with reference to street-cleaning. The removal was confirmed by Governor Robinson. Mr. Nichols was subsequently reinstated by Judge Lawrence. In August, 1881, Mr. Nichols, with his colleagues, Moses F. Tracy and Mason, was removed by Mayor Cooper on charges similar to those made by Mayor Cooper. Governor Cornell did not approve the removal, however. Mr. Nichols' term expired in May, 1882, and since then he has been over. He is one of the leaders in Tammany Hall.

General Egbert L. Viele is a native of Waterford, N. Y., where he was born on June 17, 1825. He has graduated from the West Point Military Academy in 1847. He served throughout the Mexican War as a lieutenant of infantry, and in 1853 resigned from the Army. He was appointed State Engineer in 1855, and in 1856 was appointed Adjutant-General of Central Park. In 1860 he was made Engineer-in-Chief of Prospect Park, Brooklyn. When the War of the Rebellion began, he entered the service and rose to Brigadier-General. He is well known as a civil engineer, and a member of the National Academy, and has written on scientific matters. He has never been active in politics.

John D. Crimmins is well known as a large contractor for various public and private works. He is said to be very wealthy. He is a member of the County Democracy County Committee from the XXII District. He was nominated by the Aldermen on January 1, 1882, to fill the unexpired term of Justice Kilbreth. He was elected on December 27, 1880, by the combination of the Irving Aldermen and Republicans in the Board of Aldermen to confirm Mayor Cooper's nominations. He is chairman of the delegation to the Tammany Hall General Committee from the 1st Assembly District.

James T. Kilbreth is a lawyer, and he was one of

the original Police Justices nominated by Mayor Cooper in 1873. He is a member of the County Democracy.

Gershon W. Herrman is a merchant. He is a native of Germany, but has lived in this city since 1845. In 1860 he was elected a State senator, and served as such until 1870, when he was elected a Coroner. In 1879 he again elected a Coroner, serving as such until the beginning of the present year. He is a member of the County Democracy.

**BANK ELECTIONS.**

Annual meetings for the election of directors were held by several prominent banks yesterday. No important changes were made. The Mechanics' National Bank reflected the former Board of Directors: Benjamin B. Sherman, Richard Irvin, Henry C. Moore, John C. Jones, John C. Jones, Jr., Alexander H. Girard, David L. Walling, William K. Kendall, William H. Cox, Charles H. Isham, Lowell Lincoln, Anson Phelps Stokes, Harvey Farrington and John C. Ward. The Board will organize to-day.

At the Merchants' National Bank, George W. Lamont chose to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Robert L. Sturr. The full Board is constituted as follows: Jacob D. Vermilye, Benjamin B. Sherman, Gustav Schiab, John A. Stewart, William Barton, Henry Sheldon, Hugh Auchincloss, Elmer A. Brinkerhoff, Charles S. Smith, David Dowd and George W. Lane. Officers will be elected by Professor E. P. Brown upon "Chair and Palp" in England, and by the Rev. Dr. J. G. Roberts upon "Future Punishment."

**THE COURTS.****COURT CALENDARS—JANUARY 10.**

**SUPERIOR COURT—CHAMBERS**—Held by Edward J. Calender at 10 a.m. Nos. 21, 45, 46, 50, 57, 65, 66, 70, 9, 99, 100, 103, 104, 105, 110, 126, 147, 148, 170, 171, 175, 178, 179, 182, 183, 216, 218, 220, 223, 229, 230, 235.

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